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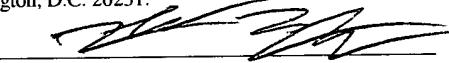
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ATTN: PATENT APPLICATIONS
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COLLECTING AND TRANSMITTING CHEMICAL INFORMATION**" --
McDevitt, et al.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 190 page specification, 73 pages of claims (Claims 1-415), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included 82 drawings on 88 sheets. The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of John T. McDevitt, Jason B. Shear, Eric V. Anslyn, and Dean F. Neikirk for the above-entitled invention.

Applicant hereby claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/179,369 entitled "**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COLLECTING AND TRANSMITTING CHEMICAL INFORMATION**," filed January 31, 2000, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/179,424 entitled "**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE ANALYSIS OF BODILY FLUIDS**" filed

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January 31, 2000, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/179,294 entitled "**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING NUCLEIC ACIDS IN A FLUID SAMPLE**," filed January 31, 2000, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/179,380 entitled "**METHOD OF PREPARING A SENSOR ARRAY**," filed January 31, 2000, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/179,292 entitled "**SYSTEM FOR TRANSFERRING FLUID SAMPLES THROUGH A SENSOR ARRAY**," filed January 31, 2000 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/179,293 entitled "**PORTABLE SENSOR ARRAY SYSTEM**," filed January 31, 2000.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventor Declaration and filing fees. Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED be sent to the undersigned Applicant representative.

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